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Secretary, Federal Communications Commission
1919 M St. NW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: RM 9267

Dear Sir,

The San Diego Amateur Radio Council, Inc. (SANDARC) is a Council of all of the active Amateur Radio Clubs in San Diego County. Currently, this numbers 14 clubs representing almost 9,000 members.

As Chairman of this organization, I am writing to urge that you turn down the "demand" for reallocation of 70 centimeter spectrum to private commercial use.

There is a very practical reason for my request other than not wanting to lose amateur radio spectrum. All of our clubs provide volunteers to assist the Red Cross and area hospitals in time of local disaster. We have been instrumental in setting up radio communication between the scene of the disaster and local area hospitals which have all agreed to receive and treat the victims of such disasters. Initially we set up most of our communications using two meter frequencies. While this has been successful in establishing communications from the disaster scene to the general area of each hospital, we have recently found that two meter transmissions have caused interference with some of the instrumentation in the various ICUs. When we ran some checks we found that no such interference occurred when we used a frequency in the 70 centimeter amateur band. As a result, the hospitals have requested that we use 440 MHZ frequencies for all transmissions in close proximity to and within the hospitals themselves.

For this reason, our ability to support disaster communications requirements involving area hospitals would be seriously damaged if RM 9267 is approved by the FCC. As a side note, the "demand" nature of the request struck me as being a bit arrogant and I therefore request (not demand) that you peremptorily reject the request.

Sincerely,



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